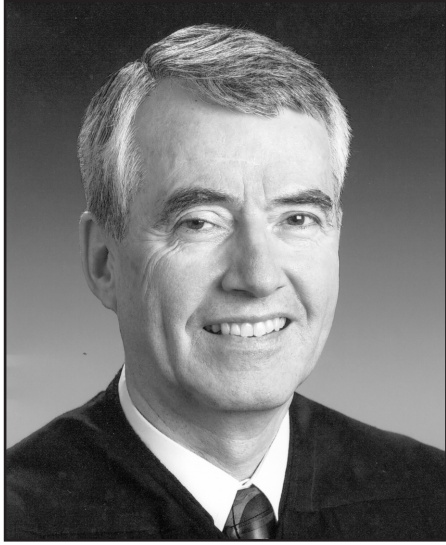


Superior Court Judge

Michael I. Jeffery, Second Judicial District



DATE OF BIRTH: December 29, 1944
PLACE OF BIRTH: Los Angeles, California
NAME OF SPOUSE: Esther Jeffery
CHILDREN: Christina, Nicole, Jordan

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 27 years
Barrow 1/77 to present

EDUCATION:

Stanford University 9/62-6/66, A.B. Yale Law School, 9/66-6/69, J.D., Board of Editors, Yale Law Journal.

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:

Alaska Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee, 1998-present; Statewide Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Steering Committee, 1998-2003; Review Board on Alcoholism, 1980-1982.

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

Superior Court Judge, 1982-present; Presiding Judge, Second Judicial District, 1994 to present; Criminal Justice Assessment Commission (2000); Legal Services Attorney, Barrow (1977-1982) and Boston (1970-1971); Volunteer in India (1971-1976).

SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:

President, Rotary Club of Barrow-Nuvuk; Ordained Elder, Utqiagvik Presbyterian Church, Barrow.

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Family activities, Coordinate church youth group, Bristol Bay commercial set-net fishing, choir, Eskimo drumming.

STATEMENT:

It has been an honor to directly serve the communities of the North Slope Borough as well as the Kotzebue and Nome regions as Superior Court Judge since December, 1982. The justice system continues to change as the population of North and Northwest Alaska includes more cultures, and as we learn how to respect and work with each other and with tribal organizations and tribal courts.

I feel that the state justice system needs to make its best efforts to be relevant and understandable to the people that we serve. I have tried to do so by the manner in which hearings are conducted and even the paperwork that we use during court hearings. I also enjoy opportunities to have outreach to students and the community, including the mock trials that we schedule each year.

I am humbled by the responsibility of the decisions that a Superior Court judge is required to make. Each case is so important to those involved, and all of us in the justice system need to maintain the focus that we are serving the needs of the community and not just processing files. Decisions need to be as clear as possible, whether announced in court or written down later. Decisions must be based on respect for state and federal constitutions, state and federal law, local cultures, and a recognition of God's unfailing love for each person.

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Alaska Judicial Council Recommendation

Judge Michael I. Jeffery, Superior Court, Barrow

I. Judicial Council Evaluation. The Alaska Judicial Council, a non-partisan citizens commission established by the Alaska Constitution, finds Judge Jeffery to be *Qualified* and recommends unanimously that the public vote “YES” to retain him as a superior court judge.

II. Summary of Evaluation Information. A survey of 2,927 attorneys in Alaska rated Judge Jeffery on sixteen categories that are summarized in the adjacent graph. Attorneys rated Judge Jeffery 4.3 on a scale of 5 on overall judicial performance. He scored 4.1 or better in all sixteen categories.

	Attorney Survey	Peace Officer Survey	Juror Survey	Court Employee Survey
Legal	4.3	---	---	---
Impartiality	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.6
Integrity	4.4	4.2	---	4.6
Temperament	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.8
Diligence	4.2	4.4	---	4.4
Special Skills	4.3	4.3	---	---
Overall	4.3	4.2	4.5	4.5

Ratings are based on a one to five scale. Five is the best rating and three is “acceptable.”

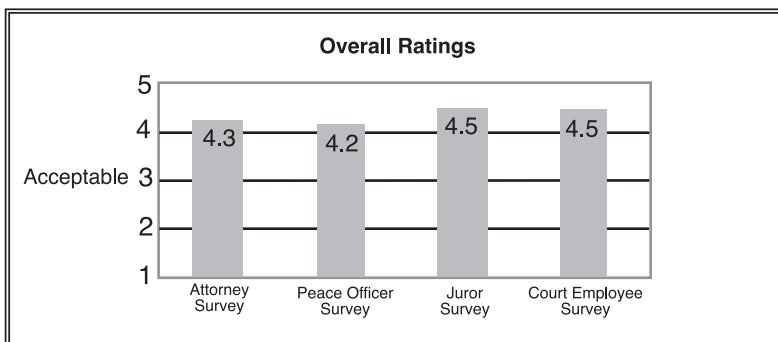
Rating Scale

5.0 = Excellent
4.0 = Good
3.0 = Acceptable
2.0 = Deficient
1.0 = Poor

A survey of 1,495 peace and probation officers in Alaska rated Judge Jeffery on twelve categories that are summarized in the adjacent graph. Peace and probation officers rated Judge Jeffery 4.2 on a scale of 5 on overall judicial performance. He scored 4.0 or better in all twelve categories.

A survey of jurors appearing before Judge Jeffery in 2002 and 2003 rated him 4.5 on a scale of 5 on overall performance. A survey of all court employees rated him 4.5 on a scale of 5 on overall performance.

The Council also completed a background investigation including a court records check, a disciplinary records check, a review of conflict of interest statements submitted to the court system and a review of financial disclosure statements submitted to the Alaska Public Offices Commission. Attorneys, peace officers, court employees and jurors were asked to submit written comments about the judge. The Council actively encouraged the public to comment, both in writing and in a statewide public hearing teleconference.



Recommendation: Vote “YES” to retain Judge Michael I. Jeffery

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